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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
OCULAR SURFACE RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

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These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Ocular Surface Research & Education Foundation, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Corporation"), dated as of December 23, 2019, are being duly executed and filed by Steven L. Maskin, M.D., its president, to amend and restate the Corporation's original articles of incorporation, which were filed on February 16, 1999. These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were duly executed and are being filed in accordance with Section 617.1007 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

**ARTICLE I
Name and Address**

The name of this Corporation shall be: Ocular Surface Research & Education Foundation, Inc. The principal office and mailing address of this Corporation shall be: 3001 Swann Ave, Tampa, FL 33609.

**ARTICLE II
Term of Existence**

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be the date of the filing of the original articles of incorporation by the office of the Florida Department of State and the Corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

**ARTICLE III
Purpose**

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code (the "Code"), including, but not limited to:

- (a) conducting and promoting research and education in the treatment of ocular surface and tear disorders; and
- (b) supporting and collaborating on research with University Departments of Ophthalmology.

The Corporation shall have all powers now or hereafter granted by law, and in addition thereto shall have all powers lawfully necessary or required to carry out its

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purposes and objects. All of the assets or earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including payment of expenses incidental thereto.

ARTICLE IV
Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 3001 Swann Ave, Tampa, FL 33609, and the name of its registered agent at such address is Steven L. Maskin, M.D.

ARTICLE V
Indemnification

(a) The Corporation hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless from claim, liability, loss, or judgment any director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action, suit, or proceeding by or on behalf of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor), brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity as director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise in which he served at the request of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement, and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such action, suit, or proceeding or any appeal thereof, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not create a presumption that any such director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties to the Corporation.

(b) Any indemnification under paragraph (a) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that amounts for which a director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit, or proceeding.

(c) The Corporation shall be entitled to assume the defense of any person seeking indemnification pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) above upon a

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preliminary determination by the Board of Directors that such person has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in paragraph (a) above, and upon receipt of an undertaking by such person to repay all amounts expended by the Corporation in such defense, unless it shall ultimately be determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this article. If the Corporation elects to assume the defense, such defense shall be conducted by counsel chosen by it and not objected to in writing for valid reasons by such person. In the event that the Corporation elects to assume the defense of any such person and retains such counsel, such person shall bear the fees and expenses of any additional counsel retained by him, unless there are conflicting interests between or among such person and other parties represented in the same action, suit or proceeding by the counsel retained by the Corporation, that are, for valid reasons, objected to in writing by such person, in which case the reasonable expenses of such additional representation shall be within the scope of the indemnification intended if such person is ultimately determined to be entitled thereto as authorized in this article.

(d) The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the power of the Corporation to indemnify under any applicable law.

(c) The indemnification contained in this Article X shall not constitute a waiver of the protection of Section 617.0834, Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law exonerating officers or directors of Florida not for profit corporations from liability.

ARTICLE VI **Dissolution**

Upon a dissolution of the Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE VII **Limitations**

Section 1. Legislative and Political Activity. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements in connection with) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 2. Property. The property, assets, profits, and net income of the Corporation are dedicated irrevocably to the purposes set forth herein. No part of the Corporation's profits or net earnings shall inure to the benefit of its directors, officers, members, or to the benefit of any private individual.


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CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Section 617.1007 of the Florida Statutes, the undersigned certifies that these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Ocular Surface Research & Education Foundation, Inc. (1) were approved by the directors on December 23, 2019, because the Corporation has no members, and (2) the number of votes cast by the directors for such amendments was sufficient for approval.

Dated this 23 day of December, 2019.

Ocular Surface Research & Education
Foundation, Inc.

By: 
Name: Steven L. Maskin, M.D.
Title: President

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